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The Essex County Prosecutor's Office has completed its investigation of a motor vehicle stop that took place in South Orange, New Jersey on January 2, 1999. This motor vehicle was stopped because it was believed by the officers that the passengers of that car might have been involved in a shoplifting incident at the Livingston Mall.

After a thorough investigation of this matter, it has been determined that the officers of the Millburn, Livingston and South Orange Police Departments who were involved in this incident, did not violate any of the criminal laws of the State of New Jersey. The

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Essex County Prosecutor's Office has jurisdiction only over criminal matters.

Though no criminal wrongdoing was found, the investigation did reveal that some police procedures and provisions of the Attorney General's guidelines on internal affairs were not, at times, properly followed. Accordingly, the Essex County Prosecutor has referred these matters to the individual police departments for them to take any administrative action they deem necessary.

Additionally, the Essex County Prosecutor will be issuing a directive to all law enforcement agencies throughout Essex County to remind them that strict adherence to police procedures as well as the Attorney General's guidelines must be followed at all times.